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REMARKS

This Amendment accompanies an RCE and is in response to the Advisory Action dated October 18, 2006 and the Office Action dated August 15, 2006. Each issue in the office action is discussed below. This paper also serves as response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued with the Advisory Action.

§103 Rejections

Claims 21-25, 29, 33, 39 and 40 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Dehdashtian et al. (US 6013092). A full account of the rejection is found on pages 2-3 of the Official Action.

Although Applicant disagrees, independent claims 21 and 29 have been amended to further distinguish the claims from the cited reference.

New claims 41 and 42 have been added.

The claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance. The prompt allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner wishes to discuss further issues, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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